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ELECTION & AMENDMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2006, please receive into the record of the above application the applicant's Election of Species and Amendment.

ELECTION

The applicant elects the species consisting of Linking A for examination at this time.

Claims 3 and 5 are considered to be readable on that species.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.